information through India tourism offices in India and abroad. Infrastructure Development projects to facilitate tourists to the region have also been taken up with the State Governments for this purpose. A sum of Rs. 505.00 lakhs has been sanctioned during 2002-2003 for the integrated development of Vaishali-Nalanda-Rajgir-Bodhgaya-Varanasi circuit.

Setting up of oceanarium resorts in coastal areas in various States

746. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country's first oceanarium is being set up in Kerala as an addition of tourist attraction;

(b) if so, the details thereof including its site, dimension and the cost;

(c) whether work on the project has already been started and if not, by when it is expected to begin;

(d) whether Government would consider setting up more such resorts on the coastal places in Maharashtra, Goa, Orissa, West Bengal etc; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) Government of Kerala has informed that Gulfar Group has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with them on 2nd January, 2003 to set up an Oceanarium in Kerala. The details of the project have not yet been finalised by the State Government.

(d) No such proposal is at present under consideration of the Central Department of Tourism.

(e) Does not arise.

Funds allocated for centrally protected monuments

747. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have identified 753 centrally protected monuments for structural, conservation, chemical preservation